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PENREN/C TO BUILD NEW CONFERENCE CENTER OLD POAC WILL HOUSE 14 CONFERENCE ROOMS, LIBRARY



PENREN/C is charged with transforming the 63-year old headquarters of the U.S. military into a modern, flexible and efficient work environment. PENREN/C's core mission is to provide the Pentagon Reservation with optimum Facilities and Information Technology through renovation, construction, and modernization. PENREN/C's award-winning acquisition approach and program management strategy have led to successful completion of several projects in addition to the original renovation work.

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Wedges 2-5 Update

New Parking Areas in
North Parking Lot

Small Business
Conference Recap



Left: Designers, builders and PENREN/C staff meet at the old POAC for the first PLC2 site walk-through. **Right:** A graphic rendering shows what the site will look like upon completion.

Less than six months after opening the new Pentagon Athletic Center, PENREN/C has begun the process of transforming the old POAC into a multi-room conference center and new home for the Pentagon Library. PENREN/C officially took control of the area in August and the design-build team has already started on the design. Demolition and abatement of the space is scheduled for late September 2004 and construction is expected to begin in February 2005. The new facility is expected to open in the summer of 2006.

The Pentagon Library and Conference Center (PLC2) expands the Pentagon's current capacity to hold large meetings and conferences. When it is completed, the PLC2 will feature a total of 14 conference rooms and a multi-purpose room with a stage and audio-visual support. This room will support a variety of events, including conferencing and teleconferencing, performances, banquets and lectures. The facility will also provide in-house catering for conferences, and boast a new cafeteria where Pentagon employees can enjoy seating in a atrium area brightened by skylights.

According to PENREN/C Director Mike Sullivan, "By building the PLC2, we enable these officials to maintain greater control over the details involved in putting together seminars, conferences and other large events without leaving the Pentagon Reservation. The conference center is another example of how we are turning the Pentagon into a world-class government facility."

The PLC2 will give the Pentagon 14 new conference rooms. Sizes vary, but each can accommodate more than 30 people. They include:

Three small conference rooms

Capacity: 30-45 people

Nine medium-sized conference rooms

Capacity: 40-60 people

Two large conference rooms

Capacity: 60-90 people

The conference rooms and large multi-purpose room will make the Pentagon a preferred location for DoD-sponsored meetings and conferences.





PENTAGON RENOVATION PROJECT WATCH

A Monthly Update on PENREN/C Projects.

Visit the PENREN/C web site for more detailed project information - <http://renovation.pentagon.mil>

Wedges 2-5 Renovation

Wedges 2-5 encompass 4.5 million square feet of Pentagon space to be renovated by 2010.

Construction crews have almost completely enclosed the elevator shaft at Corridor 7. The remaining openings will be covered by glass to maximize use of natural light. The exterior wall in Wedge 2 has been framed and wall insulation is being completed. The Wedge 2 escalators have also been erected, which represents a major project milestone.



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1. A tremendous amount of materials and workers are needed to build the new office space.

2. Escalators have been installed in Wedge 2.

3. Workers are installing window sills in preparation for new windows.

4. The walls are being insulated to help conserve energy and increase the comfort of tenants.

5. Floor plans for Wedge 2 are reviewed to ensure installation of the frames is complete.

6. Progress is being made on enclosing the elevator bays at Corridor 7.



PENREN/C PROJECT WATCH (cont.)

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Roads, Grounds & Security

The Pentagon Roads, Grounds and Security Projects are designed to enhance perimeter security on the Pentagon Reservation.

Work continues at the Boundary Channel Drive intersection with the Highway 110 feeder road. The intersection is being reconfigured to improve traffic flow. This project is scheduled to be completed by mid-September. Crews are also making progress on the River Terrace pedestrian bridge and a new egress road for the Remote Delivery Facility (RDF).



1. Workers install a concrete median that will separate the parking lot from the reconfigured Boundary Channel Drive Intersection.



2. Preparations are being made to place concrete for the last section of the River Terrace pedestrian bridge.



3. A look at some new spaces in a recently opened area of the North Parking Lot.



4. Construction progresses on the egress road from the RDF to Highway 110.

Q&A Corner

Answers to Questions E-mailed to PENREN/C

- Q:** I understand there are only "A" designation or assigned spaces available in the new section of the North Parking Lot. Are there plans to open "B", "C" or "H" spaces in the future?
- A:** There are "A," "C," handicapped, motorcycle and assigned spaces available in the new parking lot.
- Q:** Will PENREN/C be involved in any September 11 anniversary events at the Phoenix Project site?
- A:** There are currently no plans to hold a public September 11 ceremony on the Pentagon Reservation.

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SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE RECAP

ATTENDEES, EXHIBITORS GET MORE OUT OF 2004 CONFERENCE



Janice Buffler (right) discusses the program with a conference participant.

Janice Buffler, PENREN/C's Small Business Team Leader, couldn't be more pleased with the success of this year's Small Business Conference. The conference, held at George Mason University (in conjunction with GMU's Professional Technical Assistance Program [PTAP]), drew about 400 attendees. "Overall, we were much more successful in accomplishing our goals this year," Buffler says.

One of the goals in 2004 was to increase the amount of interaction between exhibitors and conference attendees. Along with general networking and training sessions, conference goers were able to schedule 15-minute, one-on-one "counseling sessions" with 16 of the exhibiting organizations. These sessions gave small business representatives the unique opportunity to present their services to potential customers in an atmosphere that was less hurried and distracting than the scene on the exhibit hall floor. "We filled all of the individual time slots by 8:30 a.m.," Buffler reports. PENREN/C also increased its level of participation in the 2004 conference. In previous years, PENREN/C was represented primarily by the Small Business Team. In 2004, representatives from Acquisition, Construction and Project Management (IT) teams were on hand to distribute information.

The Small Business Team also noted an improvement in the external communications effort for the conference. The conference web site proved to be a much more useful and utilized tool this year. In addition to the ability to register online, users could also link to the company web sites of attendees and exhibitors for additional information. Speaker and presenter biographies were also included on the web site. "This year, the word was really out about the conference," Buffler says. "More people, including project managers and those working in offices in the Pentagon, knew about it," she explains.

"This year, we had our first slogan, *Joining Together for Small Business Success*. We worked very hard to demonstrate this slogan, and I really feel that we accomplished all that we set out to do," says Buffler.



The 15-minute-long individual sessions were well attended at the 2004 conference.

NEXT MONTH'S RENOVATOR:

More Pentagon
Memorial Fundraisers

Wedges 2-5 and Other
Project Updates

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